

**California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**  
Updated Approach to Work Plan  
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**Revised Principles and Ground Rules**

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley should:

- Respect differences among communities and participants.
- Seek broad consensus for decision-making.
- Identify and build upon shared values and common ground (aligned interests).
- Focus on Valley-wide issues to add value and not duplicate local efforts.
- Consider what is best for entire region; focus on solutions requiring collaboration across jurisdictions.
- Align interests, actions and impacts.
- Focus on both short-term actions for immediate results and long-term strategies for economic prosperity (actions and results that are identifiable, achievable, doable).
- Prioritize actions both within Work Groups and for the Partnership to ensure focus and success.
- Prioritize issues and opportunities for state action, involvement and legislation.
- Seek and facilitate collaboration among local, regional, state and federal governments.

**Proposed Vision Statement**

(Proposed by the Great Valley Center)

*The vision of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is for a cohesive region composed of unique communities and a diverse population that is supported by a vibrant economy built on regional strengths and sufficient resources to provide a high quality of life for all people who live in the region now and in the future.*

*The vision can best be accomplished by integrating and coordinating public and private actions and investments into a strategy that includes long-term goals and short and medium-term actions that will move toward the accomplishment of goals.*

[Note: A “vision” statement should be developed by each Work Group for their issue focus.]

**Approach to Consensus – A Working Definition**

A “consensus approach” to decision-making by the Board for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley means that the Chair and Deputy Chairs will interpret and state for the record the sense of the body following deliberation on matters instead of entertaining formal motions and taking votes on agenda items. Consensus does not mean achieving unanimity among all Board members, but rather that general agreement and concurrence is reached among all or most members (“most” meaning a super majority of at least 70%). Further, when there is dissent or a minority opinion, that will be noted and recorded in the written meeting proceedings. It will be the intent of the Partnership to reach as much agreement as possible among all Board members regarding action items and to focus on those issues on which there is unanimity of concurrence.